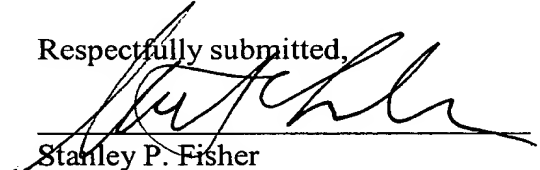




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**LETTER TO DRAFTSPERSON**

Sir:

In response to the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2003, Applicants are submitting replacement drawings for Figs. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Applicants also are submitting drawings for Fig. 2, wherein the legend "Prior Art" is being added in connection with the above-captioned application.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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